

October 4, 1967

The Honorable Elmer B. Staats
Comptroller General of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20548

Dear Mr. Staats:

I am familiar with the contents of the letter dated October 3, 1967 from the Director of Central Intelligence proposing for your approval, under the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 374 (1964), a financial records retirement program.

I am also familiar with the fact that the General Accounting Office no longer conducts an audit of the Central Intelligence Agency but rather that Agency performs its own under procedures established by the Director.

It is my understanding that the proposed program for the systematic retirement of financial records will be administered generally in accordance with the procedures applicable to Government agencies, particularly as to identification of categories of documents and the application thereto of appropriate records retention periods. I have no objection if you deem it appropriate to approve the retirement of records of the Central Intelligence Agency under the authority conferred upon you by the above-mentioned statute.

Sincerely,

L. Mendel Rivers
Chairman

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